Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 26 Feb 2022 until 23:59 on Sunday 27 Feb 2022

Forecast Issued on Friday 25 Feb 2022 at 15:52 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for very windy conditions on Saturday. Lower confidence for timing and extent of any rain on Sunday then high for developments next week with more settled conditions by mid-week.

Headline for Saturday 26 Feb 2022: Very windy with storm force winds at height. Patchy light rain.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 26 Feb 2022

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Medium Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Dull	Light rain	Dull	Light rain	Dull
Precipitation probability							
30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%

Forecast for Saturday 26 Feb 2022

Weather: Cloudy across most ranges with patchy light rain or drizzle, falling as sleet or snow above 1000m. Mainly dry across the eastern Cairngorms and Ben Rinnes with a few fleeting bright spells possible there. Hazardous conditions at height with severe gale or storm force winds.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Mainly 40%, but 70% in far north and east.

Low cloud and visibility: Cloud and fog rather extensive above 700m or 800m with patches on lower slopes in the west. Blowing snow will further reduce visibility on the Cairngorm plateau. Cloud more broken with higher bases across northern and eastern Cairngorms. Rather hazy below the cloud base.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	59/75 SW	54/69 SW	53/67 S	52/66 S	56/73 S	53/69 S	54/70 S	54/72 S	52/69 S
900	58/70 SW	53/65 SW	49/61 S	50/63 S	51/66 S	53/68 S	53/69 S	54/71 S	50/66 S
600	38/52 SW	33/46 SW	30/43 SW	32/45 S	32/46 SW	36/52 S	36/52 S	37/54 S	31/47 S
300	22/48 SW	20/44 SW	18/41 S	18/40 S	19/41 SW	20/43 SW	20/43 S	21/44 S	20/41 SW
Glen	8/34 SW	16/30 SW	16/30 SW	18/34 S	19/36 S	19/35 S	18/34 S	20/38 S	19/37 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-2/-13	-2/-13	-2/-13	-3/-14	-2/-14	-2/-13	-3/-14	-4/-15	-4/-15
900	1/-8	1/-8	1/-8	0/-9	1/-8	1/-8	0/-9	-0/-10	-0/-10
600	3/-4	3/-4	3/-4	3/-4	4/-3	4/-4	3/-4	3/-5	2/-5
300	5/-0	5/0	5/0	5/0	6/2	6/2	5/0	5/-0	4/-1
Glen	5/1	6/2	6/2	6/2	8/3	8/4	6/2	6/1	5/0
Freezing Level*	1000m	1000m	1000m	1000m	1000m	1000m	1000m	800m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Strong winds will be the main feature to consider with gusts of 70 to 90mph giving and serious and potentially dangerous conditions on high slopes. Sudden violent gusts will also affect low slopes at times. Feeling very cold on the tops.

Forecast for Sunday 27 Feb 2022

Weather: Cloudy with patchy light rain in the morning, mainly over ranges west of the A9 and falling as snow on the Munro tops. This should die out by the afternoon with bright spells coming through. Outbreaks of rain, with summit snow will then spread east during the evening.

Maximum wind: Southerly 50mph, gusts 80mph overnight, easing to 20mph gusts 30mph during the morning. Increasing again to southerly 40-50mph, gusts 75mph through the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30% in morning, improving to 70% in afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Extensive cloud and fog above 800 or 900m in the morning. Cloud breaking up through the afternoon leaving patchy summit cloud but becoming more extensive again in the evening. Away from cloud, mainly good but rather hazy.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4C rising to 6 or 7C.
At 800m: 0 Celsius.
Freezing level: 600m rising to 800m.

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